

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 25/03/2026 12:38 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 202602207 - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 725 HOUSES AND A SCHOOL, MEOPHAM I am writing to register my formal objection to Planning Application 202602207 submitted to Gravesham Borough Council, proposing the construction of 725 residential dwellings and a school in Meopham. This development is wholly disproportionate, environmentally damaging, and unsupported by the existing local infrastructure. 1. Overdevelopment and Loss of Village Character Meopham is a rural village with a unique landscape and low-density pattern of settlement. Introducing 725 new homes represents unprecedented overdevelopment that would fundamentally alter the character and identity of the village. The scale is excessive and incompatible with the surrounding countryside, resulting in irreversible urbanisation of an area valued for its open, rural nature. 2. Severe Traffic and Highway Safety Concerns The A227 and local roads already experience congestion, particularly during peak commuting hours. Adding hundreds of additional vehicles-as well as traffic associated with a new school-would greatly worsen congestion, increase journey times, and create hazardous conditions for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. No credible mitigation measures or road improvements have been proposed that would meaningfully counter these impacts.
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3. Lack of Sustainable Transport Options

Public transport availability in Meopham is limited. Rail services are heavily used, parking is insufficient, and bus frequency is low. The proposed development would push residents towards near-total reliance on private vehicles, contradicting sustainability principles and environmental policies at both local and national levels. The development site is simply not suited to this density without robust, reliable, and realistic transport infrastructure-which is not currently planned.

4. Inadequate Local Services and Social Infrastructure

Existing GP surgeries, healthcare providers, dental practices, and schools are already stretched. Although the proposal includes a new school, this will not alleviate the broader pressure on essential services, nor will it guarantee sufficient provision for the increased population. Without secured, funded, and deliverable expansion of healthcare and community infrastructure, residents-existing and new-will face a decline in service quality and accessibility.

5. Environmental Harm and Loss of Biodiversity

The proposed site forms part of valued countryside supporting wildlife, established habitats, and green open space used by residents for recreation and wellbeing. Large-scale development threatens these habitats, increases pollution, and creates additional surface water runoff, raising concerns about drainage and flood risk. The application does not adequately demonstrate how biodiversity will be protected or enhanced in line with policy requirements.

6. Strain on Utilities and Core Infrastructure

Local water supply, waste systems, sewers, and electricity networks are under pressure. An expansion of this scale will require significant upgrades, yet the proposals contain no clear evidence that such improvements have been planned, funded, or agreed with relevant utility providers. This creates a high risk of service disruption and long-term strain on existing residents.

7. Conflict With Local Planning Policies

The proposal appears inconsistent with the aims of the Local Plan, including protection of rural environment, prioritisation of brownfield development, and maintaining proportionate growth in smaller settlements. A development of this magnitude does not align with the sustainable, balanced expansion envisaged for Meopham or Gravesham more broadly.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above-namely the unacceptable scale, severe infrastructure impact, loss of village character, and environmental harm-I strongly urge Gravesham Borough Council to reject Planning Application 202602207. This proposal is neither suitable nor sustainable for Meopham and would cause long-term, irreversible damage to the village and its community.

I therefore submit my formal objection to planning application 202602207.

Kind regards